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Docket No. R97-1

**RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO INFORMATION REQUEST OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER
POSED AT HEARINGS
DURING CROSS-EXAMINATION OF OCA WITNESS WILLETTE**

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the attached response to an information request posed by the Presiding Officer during the Postal Service's cross-examination of Office of the Consumer Advocate witness Willette on February 18, 1998.

The Presiding Officer's inquiry is reflected in the hearing transcript in Volume 21 at pages 10797-10799.


The inquiry is paraphrased and followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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**RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO QUESTION POSED BY PRESIDING OFFICER AT HEARINGS**

QUESTION

[paraphrased from Tr. 26/10797-99]

Please refer to the January 9, 1998, edition of *Business Mailers Review*. An article in that edition refers to a letter addressed to the Governors of the United States Postal Service concerning the Postal Service's Docket No. R97-1 Prepaid Reply Mail proposal. If such a letter exists, please provide a copy of that letter.

RESPONSE

The February 9, 1998 edition of *Business Mailers Review* refers to a January 16, 1998, letter, the contents of which were first reported in the *Advertising Mail Marketing Association Bulletin* on January 8, 1998, eight days before the letter was dated and sent to the Governors. A copy of the letter to the Governors has been filed as USPS Library Reference H-342.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this day, I have served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice. Happy birthday to me.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael T. Tidwell", is written over a horizontal line.

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